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SKIPTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1925.

Area, 141,673 acres ; Rateable Value (1925), £176,891 ; Inhabited Houses (1871), 5,115 ; (1881) estimated, 5,483 ; (1891), 4,621 ; (1901), 5,252 ; (1911), 4,599 ; (1921), 4,731. Population enumerated (1871), 23,606 ; (1881), 24,674 ; (1891), 20,575 ; (1901), 22,589 ; (1911), 18,575 ; (1921 Census) 19,099. Corrected Estimate by Registrar-General (1925), 18,560. No. of Separate Occupiers (1921), 4,779. Sum represented by a penny Rate, £508.

In accordance with instructions received (December 18th, 1924, Circular 540) from the Ministry of Health, this report will be a Survey Report.

Locality.—The Skipton Rural District is pear-shaped with a long stem extending northwards which embraces Upper Wharfedale. It is bounded on the north by the North Riding and the Wharfe—Ure watershed, on the north-east by the Pateley Bridge Rural District and the Wharfe—Nidd watershed, on the south-east by the Wharfedale Rural District, on the south by the Keighley Union, and for some eight miles contiguous with Lancashire on the Aire-Ribble watershed, while to the west are the Settle Rural and Bowland Rural Districts. It is traversed in its upper portion from N.W. to S.E. by the river Wharfe from its source to Addingham, and the river Aire flows parallel diagonally across the southern portion from Calton to Kildwick, about four miles from its source at Malham in the Settle District. In the south-western part of the district the streams flow westward to join the river Ribble. The Aire—Wharfe watershed divides the district obliquely into two halves. The L.M.S. Railway crosses obliquely the S.W. portion of the district from Kildwick to Bell Busk, through Skipton, running parallel with the river Aire, and from the main line there are branches, eastward to Addingham, northward to Threshfield and southward to Thornton. The Leeds and Liverpool Canal runs in a loop from Kildwick round Gargrave, its most northerly point, and then turns S.E. to Salterforth.

The two main valleys are rich in fertile pasture lands and grazing for the rearing of cattle and sheep, with rocky hills and moorland between. Parts of the district are well wooded, notably round Bolton Abbey, Gargrave and Marton.

Area.—In 1923 the County Council made an Order incorporating the Township of Coates in the Barnoldswick Urban District, and came into operation in October, 1923. (Area 634 a., Pop. 392). The area of the district is now 141,673 acres, and embraces 45 parishes.

Elevation.—An altitude of 2,301 feet is reached on Buckden Moor, 1,661 feet at Thorpe Fell, Burnsall, while the lowest point is found in the south-east corner, in Addingham parish. The geology is varied. The rocks belong to the Carboniferous formation. The Millstone Grits are prominent along the east and south sides of the district, and the north and west are occupied by the limestone and Yoredale series, while the valley basins contain alluvial deposits.

Occupation and Industries.—The chief occupation throughout the district is Agriculture in the form of grazing farms for the breeding and rearing of cattle and sheep, and the production of milk and butter.

In some of the populous townships there are certain mills and factories, as follows :

TOWNSHIP.	INDUSTRIES.
Addingham ...	Agriculture, 3 Silk Mills, 3 Cotton and Worsted Mills, and 1 Saw Mill.
Appletreewick ...	Agriculture and 1 Paper Mill.
Bolton Abbey ...	Agriculture and Limestone Quarry.
Bradleys Both ...	Agriculture and 2 Worsted Mills.
Carleton... ...	Agriculture and 1 Cotton Mill.
Cononley ...	Agriculture, 2 Worsted Mills and 1 Electrical Works.
Cowling ...	Agriculture and 7 Worsted Mills.
Embsay ...	Agriculture, 1 Worsted Mill, 1 Tannery and Limestone Quarry.
Farnhill ...	Agriculture and 1 Worsted Mill.
Gargrave ...	Agriculture, 1 Cotton Mill, 1 Saw Mill and 2 Corn Mills.
Glusburn ...	Agriculture, 4 Worsted Mills and 2 Corn Mills.
Hebden ...	Agriculture and 1 Cotton Mill.
Linton ...	Agriculture and 1 Cotton Mill.
Lothersdale ...	Agriculture, 1 Worsted Mill and Limestone Quarry.
Martons Both ...	Agriculture and Limestone Quarries.
Salterforth ...	Agriculture, 1 Cotton Mill and Quarries.
Threshfield ...	Agriculture and Quarries.

Sanitary Condition and Progress.—Water Supply.—Public Waterworks have been carried out by the Sanitary Authority, at *Gargrave* in 1883, at *Kettlewell* in 1898, and at *Eastby* in 1900, *Appletreewick*, *Coniston* and *Kilnsey* in 1910, and *Coniston Cold* and *Bell Busk* in 1914. The *Hebden* Waterworks Company was taken over by, and is under control of the Council, who renewed the mains with 3-inch cast iron pipes in 1895, and added a fresh spring to the supply in 1911. The Council has also taken over the private undertaking at *Hetton*.

At various times the following places have been supplied with water by private companies:—*Crosshills* and *Glusburn*, *Farnhill*, *Bradley*, *Embsay*, *Carleton*, *Cowling*, *Salterforth*, *Grassington*, *Cononley*, and *Thornton*. *Addingham* is supplied through a private company from the Bradford Corporation Works; *Burnsall* by the Bradford Corporation. *Flasby* and *Winterburn* are supplied by the *Leeds and Liverpool Canal Company*.

The following places are supplied by the principal owners of property :—Thornton, East and West Marton, Rylstone, Hazlewood, Beamsley and Bolton Abbey, Draughton, Stirton-cum-Thorlby, Thorpe, Cracoe and Threshfield, Halton Eas and Calton. In Lothersdale and Buckden water is piped to troughs in the village, and in some instances laid on to the houses.

In 1920 the water main at *Gargrave* was extended to the new Housing Site and the Council's new depot, a length of 516 yards of 3-inch pipes with the necessary valves and hydrants.

In 1921 another extension was laid to the Small Holding Houses erected by the County Council, consisting of 443 yards of $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch pipes and 80 yards of 1-inch pipe.

For the supply of *Hetton*, a supplementary supply was taken from the Cracoe Water Company's supply.

In 1925 :—

Hebden Water.—Serious complaints were received as to the insufficient supply to the Guest House, and on digging down it was found that the 1-inch pipe was very badly corroded, and the waterway very small. It was decided that a 3-inch cast iron pipe be laid from the terminus of the existing main to a point opposite the Guest House, at an estimated cost of £90.

Hetton Water Supply.—Complaints were received as to shortage of supply, and this was found to be due to leakages on the service pipes, and at Rylstone. The Cracoe supply had to be turned on on two or three occasions, the total quantity passing through the meter from Cracoe supply from March 10th, 1924, to December 9th, 1925, being 512,800 gallons.

Gargrave Water.—Serious complaints were made as to the shortage of the Fell Supply, and a Special Committee was appointed to investigate and report. Following the recommendations of the Committee, the several springs were opened out at the source, and in one case a blockage in the supply pipe was found. The Coldwell Spring supply was brought into use during the summer, and pumping operations ceased on October 19th, 1925.

Coniston Cold Water.—It was reported that the ram was requiring a fresh piston. The makers offered to supply one for £10 10s. or, as an alternative, provide new cylinder and piston, so that there would be a spare available in case it was required. The matter was left with Colonel Tottie and the Surveyor to make the best arrangement.

Addingham Water.—Several complaints had been received during the year as to the insufficient supply of water to several houses in Addingham, and the Council had made representation to the Water Company to take steps to remedy the same. The Water Company intimated their willingness to lay a new 3-inch main on Bolton Road, but did not make any promise to deal with other sections, holding that the fault was with the service pipes and these belonged the owners of the property. A plan of the mains has been prepared, also the service pipes indicated, and this showed in several cases undesirable long sections of service pipe.

Bradley Water.—A complaint was received from the Parish Council as to shortage in dry weather, and the Water Company have been written to calling their attention to this.

Sewerage and Drainage.—Complete schemes of sewerage have during recent years been provided by the Sanitary Authority for the villages of Glusburn, Crosshills and Junction; for Gargrave; for Addingham, and for Salterforth; for Thornton, Earby and Kelbrook; for Carleton, and for Grassington; for Embsay, and for Kettlewell; and partial schemes provided by the owners of property at Bradley, at Kildwick, and Threshfield. Schemes for the sewerage of *Cononley*, and for *Cowling* and *Ickornshaw*, were completed in 1910, and for *Eastby* in 1914.

In 1920 an extension of main sewer at *Gargrave* was laid to the new Housing Site from a point near Mill Lane Top, consisting of 250 yards of 9-inch sewer with four manholes.

At *Carleton* the No. 2 sprinkler at the disposal works having worn out, a new one was fixed by Messrs. Tuke and Bell at a cost of £57 10s.

In 1921 at *Gargrave* an extension was laid to New Brighton Saw Mill and houses, consisting of 120 yards of 6-inch sewer with two manholes.

At *Threshfield* a Public Inquiry was held on May 12th by R. C. Cox, Esq., M.Inst.C.E., for sanction to borrow £980 for works of sewerage and sewage disposal. Approval was granted in September for £1,080, the contract for the work being let to Messrs. W. Waring & Sons, of Huddersfield. This scheme for a portion of the village of Threshfield was carried out in 1922.

In 1922 at *Glusburn* an extension was laid in Lothersdale Road comprising 80 yards of 6-inch pipes and one manhole at a cost of £44 12s 8d.

At *Grassington* a small temporary scheme for dealing with the Bridge End Section was carried out, and an extension of 40 yards of 6-inch pipes at Low Lane.

At *Cononley* an extension of sewer consisting of 84 yards of 6-inch pipes and three manholes was carried out at a cost of £42 7s. 3d.

At *Coniston Cold* an extension was laid of 100 yards of 6-inch sewer and one manhole.

In 1923, at *Embsay*, following an Inquiry held in 1922 by H. E. Byrne, Esq., M.Inst.C.E., for sanction to borrow £1,000 for the improvement of the disposal works, after an interview at the Ministry, was approved, and carried out in 1924.

At *Glusburn* an extension was laid in Green Lane and Binns Lane consisting of 229 yards of 6-inch pipes with three manholes, at a cost of £159 1s. 1d.

At *Gargrave* an extension of 90 yards for the Council's Depot and intervening building plots.

At *Grassington* two extensions were completed, one of 98 yards of 9-inch sewer and two manholes near Bridge End, and the other of 127 yards of 6-inch and two manholes in Intake Lane, at a total cost of £133 18s. 6d.

In 1924 the following extensions of sewer were laid :—

At *Glusburn*, 70 yards of 6-inch in St. Andrew's Terrace, and 178 yards of 6-inch at Baxter Wood.

At *Gargrave* 90 yards up Marton Road for new property.

In 1925, at *Thornton*, an extension, also for new property, of 49 yards of 6-inch sewer up Cam Lane, at the cost of £44 15s. 7d.

At *Cononley*, 51 yards for new property.

Glusburn Sewerage Works.—Following complaints by the Rivers Board as to the unsatisfactory state of the effluent, plans were prepared for the provision of an additional percolating filter, and sanction to a loan of £1,430 was received from the Ministry, and the contract let to Messrs. J. Busfield, Ltd., of Leeds. The work is now in hand.

Gargrave Sewers.—A serious blockage was found in the main sewer consisting of silt, etc., evidently from a local garage. An additional manhole had been put down to facilitate the cleansing, and the garage proprietors called upon to fix intercepting chamber, so as to prevent offensive matter getting into the sewers.

Hetton Drainage.—An extension of 28 yards of 9-inch sewer pipes has been laid.

Farnhill—Aireside Sewering.—Complaints had been received respecting the drainage of Aireside Mill and adjoining property, which at present drained into an old cesspool near the river, and the Surveyor was instructed to get out a scheme for re-sewering this property, and pumping the sewerage over the river to Cononley Works.

Embsay Sewerage Works.—The Ministry of Health had approved of a scheme of pumping the sludge on to drying beds at an estimated cost of £200. Owing to building operations on Brackenley Lane a length of sewer had been laid consisting of 117 lin. yards of 6-inch pipes, and two manholes, at a cost of £64 4s. 6d, the contractors being Thos. Duckett & Son.

Addingham Sewerage Works.—As mentioned in last year's report, a complaint had been received, through the Ministry of Health, from Messrs. Lister & Co., and following on this an inspection was made by one of the Inspectors from the Ministry, and they recommend that settling tanks should be provided, with pump for lifting the sludge on to proper sludge beds, also that the sewage from Low Mill section should be pumped into the carriers so as to be distributed on other sections of the farm. Plans have been prepared, and forwarded to the Ministry for their approval.

Carleton Sewerage Farm.—An unfortunate accident happened at these works, a child being drowned in one of the settling tanks. It was decided that the works be enclosed with unclimable fencing.

Excrement and Refuse Disposal.—The common midden privy is the form mostly in use in the Rural District. A large number of privies with movable receptacles have been provided. In places where sewerage schemes have or are being carried out, the conversion of privies into some form of water closets is encouraged, and the slop water closets have been introduced and been found to work satisfactorily at Crosshills and Glusburn, Addingham, Gargrave, Middleton, Embsay, Cononley, Salterforth and Coates. The removal of night-soil and ash-pit refuse is undertaken by contract under the District Council at Addingham (part), Cowling, Farnhill, and Gargrave, and at Thornton, Glusburn, Grassington, Salterforth, Kettlewell, Bradley, Carleton, Lothersdale and Threshfield by their own staff.

SCAVENGING REPORT, 1925.

LOCALITY.	No. of loads of Ashes removed.	No. of loads of Night Soil removed.	No. of Pails emptied.	Annual Cost of Scavenging.
Addingham	501	52	1116	Work done by Council (Pail Contract, £20).
Bradley	230	127	5067	Work done by Council.
Carleton.....	175	—	—	” ”
Cowling	378½	58½	2173	(By Contract, £100).
Farnhill	105	52	1092	(By Contract, £50).
Gargrave	430	—	—	(By Contract, £65).
Grassington.....	512	—	—	Work done by Council.
Glusburn	977	64½	576	” ”
Kettlewell	113	—	—	” ”
Lothersdale	111	79	2840	” ”
Salterforth	102	26	758	” ”
Thornton	109	14	140	” ”
Thresfield	—	210	—	” ”
Totals	3743½	683	13762	Total Cost of Scavenging by Council and Contract, £1,118.

Hebden Scavenging.—This matter had been delayed owing to the Parish Council desiring to carry out an alternative scheme, and an attempt was made to induce the property owners to undertake the work, but nothing came of this plan, and the Rural Council have intimated that unless satisfactory arrangements are made before March 1st, 1926, they will undertake the scavenging of Hebden.

Grassington.—Public Conveniences.—The Parish Council suggested a site on which to erect Public Sanitary Conveniences, but before negotiations were completed formidable objection was received, and the offer to sell the premises was withdrawn.

Glusburn Urinals.—As mentioned in last year's report, a site for Sanitary Conveniences was secured in the yard belonging to the Friendly Society's Hall. The scheme consists of a 3-stall urinal, with one water closet. The structure is built in concrete, the contract being carried out by Messrs. E. Harrison & Son.

ALTERATIONS TO CLOSETS AND NEW CLOSETS PROVIDED
DURING THE YEAR 1925.

SUB-DISTRICTS.	Grassington	Kettlewell	Gargrave	Barnoldswick	Kildwick	Skipton	Addingham	TOTALS.
Pail Closets abolished	—	—	—	1	4	1	1	7
Pail Closets converted to Slop Water Closets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pail Closets converted to Water Closets	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	5
New Pail Closets provided.....	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	5
Privy Closets abolished	7	2	—	—	2	—	—	11
Privy Closets converted to Slop Water Closets	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Privy Closets converted to Water Closets	4	2	—	—	2	—	—	8
Privy Closets converted to Pail Closets	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
New Slop Water Closets	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	4
New Water Closets (New Houses)	7	2	12	4	20	2	1	48
New Water Closets (additional)	4	4	4	7	24	8	3	54
Slop Water Closets converted to Water Closets ...	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	7

REPORT OF THE SANITARY WORK, ETC., COMPLETED DURING THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

SUB-DISTRICT.	Grassington	Kettlewell	Gargrave	Barnoldswick	Kildwick	Skipton	Addingham	TOTALS
No. of Complaints received.....	—	—	5	3	7	—	5	20
No. of Houses built (working class 38, others 5, subsidy 23)	6	2	7	4	20	3	1	43
No. of Houses, Premises, etc., inspected	290	73	212	168	935	243	310	2231
No. of Drains cleansed and repaired.....	10	4	4	10	32	9	3	72
No. of Drains trapped and ventilated	12	6	10	13	44	11	4	100
No. of Waste Pipes trapped (new 135, old 100) .	34	12	29	32	87	31	10	235
No. of Privies, W.C.'s, etc., cleansed and repaired..	8	4	1	6	27	7	8	61
No. of Closets supplied with water	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. of Water Closets provided	15	6	16	16	51	11	5	120
No. of Slop Water Closets provided.....	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	5
No. of Pail Closets provided	4	—	—	1	—	1	1	7
No. of Pail and Privy Closets abolished	7	2	—	1	6	1	1	18
No. of Cesspools abolished	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. of Cesspools provided	3	2	—	7	2	—	—	14
No. of Houses supplied with water	6	2	7	4	20	3	2	44
No. of Ashpits provided	17	3	8	4	26	7	3	68
No. of Ashpits repaired and covered	2	—	1	—	6	2	3	14
No. of Ashpits emptied through notice	—	—	3	—	76	—	—	79
No. of Removals of accumulations of dung, Stagnant water, etc.	1	—	2	—	7	—	3	13
No. of Removals of Animals improperly kept....	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
No. of Filthy Houses cleansed.....	1	—	1	—	3	—	1	6
No. of Cases of Overcrowding.....	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	4
No. of Closing Orders made	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
No. of Smoke Nuisances.....	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	4
No. of Houses disinfected after infectious diseases .	3	—	—	1	9	2	5	20
No. of Schools disinfected after infectious diseases .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. of Common Lodging Houses inspected (visits 4)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
No. of Slaughterhouses inspected (total 382 visits)	3	1	2	1	12	4	4	27
No. of Cases of Unsound Food	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6
No. of Bakehouses inspected (visits 42)	3	—	1	—	15	2	—	21
No. of Factories and Workshops inspected (visits 230)	12	1	14	3	82	13	17	142
No. of Farms inspected under Milk and Dairies Acts	42	4	39	59	98	17	44	303
No. of Plans approved	27	5	6	3	50	10	20	121
No. of Plans disapproved.....	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	8

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

			In 1920.		In 1925.
Registered	...	...	16	...	13
Licensed	...	...	3	...	14
			—		—
Totals	...	...	19	...	27
			—		—

No instance of *Unsound Meat* exposed for sale came to my knowledge.

UNSOUND FOOD, 1925.

SURRENDERED IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

May 19th	...	Bradley (Tubercle organs).
June 22nd	...	Farnhill.—2 pigs, weight 25 st. (disease, Peritonitis).
Nov. 25th	...	Crosshills (Tubercle organs).
Nov. 25th	...	Crosshills (Tubercle organs).
Nov. 25th	...	Cowling (unsound meat, 45 lbs.)
Nov. 24th	...	Bradley (Tubercle organs).
Dec. 8th	...	Bradley (unsound meat, 11 lbs.)

SMOKE NUISANCES, 1925.

The following nuisances were reported :—

1. Swinden Lime Works.—Letter to owner. No further action.
1. Dwelling at Gargrave, washhouse chimney.—Nuisance abated.
1. Royde Mill Chimney, Cowling.—Nuisance abated.
1. Burnside Mill Chimney, Addingham.—No further complaints.

OVERCROWDING.

Instances reported :—

- 1 at Grassington district (Brooke Street, Hebden). Cannot get a larger Cottage.
- 2 at Gargrave (Small Holdings and East Street), both abated by removal.
- 1 at Farnhill.—Cannot get a house.

Common Lodging Houses.—There is only 1 Common Lodging House in the district at Addingham. This was inspected 4 times. Limewashing and cleansing was carried out after verbal notice. It is fairly well kept.

Canal Boats.—During the year 24 inspections were made by Mr. T. F. Ayrton, the Inspector under the Act, of 14 different boats, and with two exceptions all was found satisfactory. On one boat there was no proper water cask provided, and on another boat painting was required, and both were attended to.

NEW MILK AND DAIRIES ACT, 1922.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 1925 OF INSPECTIONS AND WORK DONE.

TOWNSHIP.	No. of Farms.	No. of Sheds	No. of Cows kept.	No. of Farms satisfactory	No. with Insufficient Airspace	No. Remedied	No. with Insufficient Light & Ventilation.	Rough State of Back Walls	No. Remedied	Rough State of Groups	No. Remedied	Insufficient Drainage	No. Remedied	Pig Keeping in Mistals	No. Remedied	Cooler House Defects	No. Remedied.
Addingham.....	24	32	218	1	5	5	24	22	25	5	5	13	13	7	—	—	—
Bradley	22	46	380	6	14	11	26	23	30	24	16	13	13	7	—	—	—
Appletreewick and Burnsall	13	17	121	1	11	5	15	9	15	9	10	7	7	2	4	4	5
Beamsley	5	14	69	—	4	3	13	9	12	11	6	4	6	6	—	—	3
Bolton Abbey.....	7	12	91	1	3	1	12	6	10	6	5	3	6	4	1	1	2
Bracewell	5	13	189	—	3	1	11	9	11	8	8	7	10	10	3	3	3
Brodgen	9	19	160	1	5	1	12	5	14	5	8	4	10	4	—	—	—
Banknewton	7	22	211	—	7	1	19	10	20	12	4	3	8	3	—	—	—
Broughton	5	13	125	2	4	1	9	2	8	2	2	2	5	3	2	2	2
Calton.....	2	6	51	—	4	—	5	—	6	2	2	2	3	3	—	—	—
Carleton	9	18	184	5	4	1	12	8	9	8	3	3	1	1	—	—	—
Cowling	17	31	287	2	8	5	18	10	22	15	10	7	20	12	—	—	—
Coniston Cold	5	14	120	—	—	—	12	—	14	—	2	—	11	—	—	—	—
Cracoe	1	2	35	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cononley	26	51	385	9	15	2	34	14	36	16	23	9	11	—	—	—	7
Draughton	7	17	131	—	6	1	15	7	15	9	9	4	3	—	—	—	—
Esholt and Flasby	4	12	103	1	2	—	10	—	9	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—
Embsay and Eastby..	8	13	92	—	—	—	4	4	9	3	1	—	9	—	—	—	—
Elsslack.....	8	13	143	—	3	—	12	3	12	3	4	5	5	—	—	—	—
Farnhill	4	9	75	1	1	—	6	1	1	—	2	4	1	—	—	—	—
Glusburn	18	30	312	8	2	2	16	13	19	14	3	12	8	—	—	—	—
Gargrave	11	31	233	1	18	8	13	10	22	14	6	14	10	—	—	—	—
Grassington	10	20	122	1	16	6	16	13	16	13	8	4	12	9	—	—	—
Threshfield.....	2	3	20	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	2	0	2	2	—	—	—
Hebden	6	13	90	—	5	—	11	2	11	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hetton	5	11	74	—	3	2	11	7	9	8	2	3	2	2	—	—	—
Halton East.....	1	2	18	—	—	—	2	2	2	2	—	2	2	2	—	—	—
Kettlewell & Kilnsey..	4	9	67	—	2	—	9	—	9	1	4	3	1	—	—	—	—
Kildwick	9	17	131	2	8	—	11	6	11	5	—	5	3	—	—	—	—
Linton	1	3	24	—	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lothersdale	2	4	39	2	1	—	1	—	2	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
Martons Both.....	12	28	321	3	7	—	17	—	23	—	4	5	—	—	—	—	3
Rylstone	2	3	29	1	—	—	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salterforth	8	14	145	1	5	—	12	5	12	5	7	1	2	1	1	—	—
Stirton & Thirlby ..	10	34	319	5	5	1	24	9	25	10	11	4	15	6	—	—	—
Thornton	12	28	294	3	2	1	21	6	22	9	11	2	9	3	—	—	3
Thorpe	2	2	31	2	—	—	one	new	mis	tal	built	—	—	—	—	—	2
Totals	303	326	5437	62	174	58	441	218	467	236	185	95	241	117	2	2	28

SUMMARY.

No. of Farms ...	... ...	303	No. remedied...	58
No. of Sheds ...	... ...	626	„ „ „	218
Accommodation for ...	... ...	5437 Cows.	„ „ „	236
Sheds satisfactory ...	... ...	62	„ „ „	95
Insufficient Air Space ...	174	No. remedied...	117	117
Insufficient light and ventilation	441	„ „ „	2	2
Rough back walls ...	467	„ „ „	2	2
Rough groups ...	185	„ „ „	1	1
Insufficient drainage ...	241	„ „ „	1	1
Insufficient water supply ...	2	„ „ „	2	2
Pig-keeping in Mistals ...	1	„ „ „	1	1
Cooler House defects ...	42	„ „ „	28	28

Nine New Farms have been registered during the year and up to date 28 farmers have given up milking; these are not accounted for in the table. These 28 farms had 39 sheds accommodating 320 cows. There is still much to do and we hope to have most of this work completed during this summer.

We have at the year end Cowkeepers 303 registered.

Retailers who are 90 , ,

Milk Dealers 5 , ,

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS, 1925.

Sub-Districts.		Grassington	Kettlewell	Gargrave	Barnoldswick	Kildwick	Skipton	Addingham	Totals
WORKSHOPS.	Wheelwright .....	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	3
	Clogger .....	...	...	1	3	1	1	1	6
	Blacksmith	2	...	1	2	5	...	1	11
	Shoemaker	1	...	3	...	10	2	2	18
	Tailor .....	...	...	...	5	...	1	6	6
	Dressmaker .....	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3
	Stocking Knitter .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Basket Maker .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Joinery (hand)	1	1	1	3	2	4	12	12
	Laundry (hand) .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Retail Bakehouse	4	...	2	...	16	2	...	24
	Underground Bakehouse .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tinner .....	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	4
	Harness Maker .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Total.....		8	1	9	2	52	10	10	92
FACTORIES.	Worsted Factory .....	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	6
	Cotton Weaving }	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cotton Spinning }	2	...	1	1	12	2	3	21
	Silk Weaving .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
	Joinery (Machinery)	2	...	1	...	7	...	...	10
	Laundry (Machinery) .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Saw Mills .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
	Organ Works .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Electrical Works .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Tannery .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Corn Mills .....	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	4
Total.....		4	...	5	1	30	3	7	50

During the year a new Cotton Factory has been started at Addingham, and two new Bakehouses appear on the register. There are no outworkers in the district. Notices for limewashing and cleansing have been served when occasion arose, and also for abating

nuisances. Under the Factory and Workshops Sanitary Accommodation Order, alterations have been carried out at two factories in Cowling, viz.: the replacing of 9 hopper closets with wash-down closet and separate cisterns for each, for providing intervening space between closet and workroom in two instances, and one at Salterforth for provision of intervening spaces for closets, and one at Crosshills for providing an additional closet. On account of there being insufficient exits in case of fire at Embsay Mill, a new fire escape has been provided.

Bye--laws, &c.—This authority possesses Urban Powers under section 157, under 158, and under 169 (paragraphs 2 and 3) and 170, “Public Health Act, 1875,” for Addingham, Bradleys Both, Carleton, Cononley, Cowling, Embsay-cum-Eastby, Farnhill, Gargrave, Glusburn, Grassington, Kildwick, Salterforth, and Thornton; and a code of bye-laws closely assimilated to the models was framed and allowed by the Local Government Board on September 25th, 1888. This authority has also adopted the Model Bye-laws with respect to “Common Lodging Houses.” It also possesses powers under section 42 for the townships of Addingham, Cowling, Glusburn, Gargrave, Farnhill, and Thornton. Urban powers applied for under sections 150 and 156 “Public Health Act, 1875,” were refused, but the powers of “Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888,” section 3, were conferred by order of the Local Government Board upon the District Council for the following townships:—Addingham, Bradleys Both, Carleton, Cononley, Cowling, Embsay-cum-Eastby, Farnhill, Gargrave, Glusburn, Grassington, Kildwick, Lothersdale, Salterforth, and Thornton. Urban powers were granted in 1896 under section 150 (sub-sections 1 and 2) for the same townships, and the naming of the streets and the numbering of the houses were carried out in 1898 at the following places:—Addingham, Carleton, Cononley, Cowling, Glusburn, Thornton, and Farnhill. Urban Powers under section 171, subsection 41 of the “Public Health Act, 1875,” were applied for, and granted by Order in July 1897, for Addingham, Bolton Abbey, Embsay-cum-Eastby, and Grassington. Urban Powers under section 150 “Public Health Act, 1875,” were applied for for certain streets at Crosshills, and an order was issued by the Local Government Board on December 14th, 1899, investing the Authority with the necessary powers. Urban Powers, under section 42 “P.H.A., 1875,” were obtained by an Order under the L.G.B. in 1909 for the whole district (46 townships) to come into force on July 11th, 1910. Urban powers, under section 161 “P.H.A., 1875,” were granted in 1911 for Coates, Embsay, Salterforth, and Thornton. Application was made last year for Urban Powers, under section 276 “P.H.A., 1875,” to enable the Authority to provide Sanitary Conveniences in the contributory places of Grassington and Bolton Abbey.

Amended Bye-laws.—The Council was anxious in the first place to secure a set of Building Bye-laws applicable to the whole district, instead of certain contributory places only. In correspondence with the L.G.B. they enclosed draft of their Model Bye-laws applicable to Rural Districts, for adoption for the rest of the Districts where the existing Bye-laws were not in force. The Council preferred to have one uniform set throughout the District. The draft series of Bye-laws (Streets and Buildings) sent up to the L.G.B. were returned with several alterations, and a suggestion for the adoption of the “intermediate series,” and these were agreed to, with suggested alterations, by the Council.

Acts of Parliament Adopted.—The “Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889,” was adopted and came into force on January 1st, 1890. Part III. of the “Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1890,” was adopted, and came into force in August, 1893.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—The total births registered in the District were 282 in number (150 males and 132 females). This is a decrease of 6 from last year, and equivalent to an annual birth-rate of 15·1 per 1,000, as compared with 15·4 last year, 17·1 in 1923, 16·1 in 1922, 17·4 in 1921, 20·1 in 1920, 12·1 in 1919, 11·7 in 1918, 13·7 in 1917, 14·5 in 1916, 15·6 in 1915, 17·2 in 1914, 16·2 in 1913, 18·2 in 1912, 19·4 in 1911, 17·2 in 1910, 21·6 in 1909, 21·1 in 1908, and 22·6 in 1907. Nine of the births were illegitimate (M.4 and F. 5).

Deaths.—The total deaths registered in the District were 206 in number. To this must be added 50 deaths belonging hereto, transferred from other Districts, and subtracted 21 deaths transferred out of the District by the Registrar General. This makes a corrected total of 235 (114 males and 121 females), and is equivalent to a death-rate of 12·6 per 1,000 living, as compared with 14·4 last year, 13·6 in 1923, 13·2 in 1922, 11·1 in 1921, 11·2 in 1920, 13·1 in 1919, 16·8 in 1918, 13·3 in 1917, 15·1 in 1916, 13·0 in 1915, 11·6 in 1914, 11·8 in 1913, 12·4 in 1912, 12·0 in 1911, 11·5 in 1910, 13·1 in 1909, and 12·9 in 1908.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN SKIPTON R.D. 1925,

	Causes of Death.		M.	F.	
ALL CAUSES	114	121	
1 Enteric fever	—	—	The age-periods of the deaths are omitted.
2 Small-pox	—	—	
3 Measles	—	1	
4 Scarlet fever	—	—	
5 Whooping cough	—	1	
6 Diphtheria	—	1	
7 Influenza	2	4	
8 Encephalitis lethargica	...	1	—		
9 Meningococcal meningitis	...	—	—		
10 Tuberculosis of respiratory system	—		1		
11 Other tuberculous diseases	...	4	4		
12 Cancer, malignant disease	...	9	15		
13 Rheumatic fever	...	1	—		
14 Diabetes	...	—	1		
15 Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	...	5	14		
16 Heart disease	...	11	17		
17 Arterio-sclerosis	...	10	8		
18 Bronchitis	...	6	7		
19 Pneumonia (all forms)	...	11	6		
20 Other respiratory diseases	...	2	—		
21 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	4	—			
22 Diarrhoea, &c. (under 2 years)	—	1			
23 Appendicitis and typhlitis	...	1	—		
24 Cirrhosis of liver	...	1	1		
25 Acute and chronic nephritis	...	4	4		
26 Puerperal sepsis	...	—	—		
27 Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	1			
28 Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	...	7	2		
29 Suicide	...	3	1		
30 Other deaths from violence	...	8	—		
31 Other defined diseases	...	24	28		
32 Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	3			
Special Causes (included above)					
Poliomyelitis	...	—	—		
Polioencephalitis	...	—	—		

In the following Table II. it will be seen that the birth-rate is below that of the previous five years, and is below the mean for the decade 1908-17.

The general death-rate is below that of the previous three years, and is equal to the mean for the same decade, but it will be noticed that the high percentage to total deaths (57.8) was reached among persons over 65 years of age—the highest recorded.

The Infant mortality, 60.2 per 1,000 births, is a great improvement upon the last two years, 72.9 and 91.7 respectively.

The causes of death in Infants will be seen in L.G.B. Table IV., and it will be noticed that of the 17 deaths, no less than 10 occurred during the first week of life, and 11 during the first fortnight.

The percentage to total deaths of deaths of Children under 5 years was 11.4.

There were 6 *Uncertified Deaths*, as follows :—

F 65.—Probably Heart Failure.
F 66 ,,
F 60 ,,
F 72 ,,
M 83 ,,
M 88.—Probably Senility

There were 21 *Inquests* and *Coroner's Certificates*.

L.G.B. TABLE IV.
SKIPTON RURAL DISTRICT.
INFANT MORTALITY.

1925. Nett deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 year of age.

		Causes of Death.		Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
All causes	Certified	10	1	...	...	11	1	2	2	1	17		
	Uncertified .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia.....		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	3		
Asphyxia	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Congenital Heart Disease	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Marasmus .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1		
Meningitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1		
Convulsions	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Tuberculous Meningitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1		
Congenital Debility	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Premature Birth	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Totals.....		10	1	...	...	11	1	2	2	1	17		
Nett Births in the year	{ legitimate illegitimate	273 9											
Nett Deaths in the year of													
	{ legitimate Infants illegitimate												

TABLE II.

Table showing the annual birth-rates, rates of mortality, death rates among children, and deaths in public institutions, during the past nine years 1917-1925 inclusive, and the mean for the decades 1878-87, 1888-1897, 1898-1907, and 1908-1917.

Year.	Birth-rate per 1000 of the Population.	Annual Rate of Mortality per 1000 living.	Deaths of Children under 1 year; percentage of total deaths.	Percentage of deaths of Children under 1 year to registered births.	Deaths of Children under 5 years; percentage of total deaths.	Total number of deaths in Public Institutions.
Mean for Decade 1878-87	30·0	18·8	19·9	12·3	32·1	11
Mean for Decade 1888-97	26·5	16·7	19·5	11·6	26·6	9
Mean for Decade 1898-07	24·0	14·8	16·6	10·3	23·6	19
Mean for Decade 1908-17	17·4	12·6	9·8	6·9	14·3	25
1917	13·7	*13·3	6·7	5·8	8·0	†33
1918	11·7	*16·8	6·8	8·7	10·7	†41
1919	12·1	*13·1	5·6	5·8	8·2	†42
1920	20·1	*11·2	9·2	5·1	11·6	†23
1921	17·4	*11·1	9·0	5·7	11·3	†28
1922	16·1	*13·2	6·3	5·1	9·4	†36
1923	17·1	*13·6	11·5	9·1	13·0	†37
1924	15·4	*14·4	7·7	7·2	9·9	†42
1925	15·1	*12·6	7·2	6·0	11·4	†41

* Corrected Death-rate.

† Belonging to District.

TABLE IV.

Table showing the Mortality from certain classes of diseases, and proportions to population and to 1,000 deaths, in the years 1923, 1924, and 1925.

	Total Deaths			Deaths per 1,000 of Population			Proportion of Deaths to 1,000 Deaths.		
	1923	1924	1925	1923	1924	1925	1923	1924	1925
1. Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases ...	5	4	4	0·2	0·2	0·2	19·2	14·7	17·0
2. Pulmonary Diseases (other than Phthisis).....	39	37	32	2·0	1·9	1·7	150·0	136·5	136·1
3. Tuberculous Diseases	12	11	9	0·6	0·4	0·4	46·1	40·5	38·2
4. Wasting Diseases of Infants.....	16	7	11	0·8	0·3	0·5	61·5	25·8	46·8
5. Convulsive Diseases of Infants.....	2	6	2	0·1	0·3	0·1	7·6	22·1	8·5

ZYMOTIC DISEASE.

Four deaths were returned under this head, as compared with 4, 5, 5, 5, 7, 6, 4, 3, 4, 8, 5, 8, 9, 14, 9, 15, 14, 10, and 23 in previous years. This is equivalent to a zymotic rate of 0·2 per 1,000 living, as against 0·2, 0·2, 0·2, 0·3, 0·3, 0·2, 0·1, 0·2, 0·4, 0·2, 0·4, 0·7, 0·4, 0·6, 0·5, 0·9, and 0·9 in the preceding years.

During the year 1925, 31 certificates under the "Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889," were received, as compared with 26, 37, 56, 78, 28, 24, 21, 38, 44, 60, 32, 76, 70, 150, and 166 in previous years. The number of cases notified, cases admitted to hospital, number of deaths, age period of cases, and age period of deaths, are given in tabular form as suggested :

SKIPTON RURAL, 1925.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital*	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria ...	5	2	1
Scarlet Fever ...	14	14	—
Enteric Fever ...	1	1	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	5	—	17
Other Diseases generally notified :			
Encephalitis Lethargica... ...	1	—	1
Diarrhoea ...	—	—	1

AGE PERIOD OF CASES.

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	Total
Diphtheria ...	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	5
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	1	1	—	6	4	—	2	—	—	—	14
Enteric Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	5

AGE PERIOD OF DEATHS.

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	Total
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Encephalitis Lethargica...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	†1
Diarrhoea...	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

* Skipton Joint Hospital at Snaygill in the Skipton Urban District.

† M. 56, Farmer, Addingham—at home.

1 death from Measles (M., 5) occurred.

Public Health (Tuberculosis Regulations, 1912).—This Order came into operation on February 1st, 1913. The cases notified, and the deaths which occurred are given according to age period in tabular form as suggested. Of the cases notified three were removed to Sanatorium, 16 cases from the district attended at the Skipton Dispensary and eleven at the Keighley Dispensary. Of these 8 were sent to Sanatorium and 6 to Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS. SKIPTON R.

Age Period.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Pulmonary		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	1	—	—	1	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	1	—	—	2
20	1	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	1	—
45	—	—	—	—	1	—
55	—	—	—	—	1	—
65 and upwards	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	...	5	1	1	1	—	1	3
								4

This is equivalent to a death rate from Phthisis of 0·05 and from all forms of Tuberculosis of 0·3 per 1,000 population.

In accordance with these regulations a Register has been kept, and the houses have been visited and particulars obtained and advice given as to the precautions to be adopted with regard to the cleanliness of premises, ventilation, sleeping accommodation, and the prevention of indiscriminate expectoration, printed instructions supplied, and a spitting flask provided when necessary. Disinfection of the rooms occupied is carried out on removal or death. Houses are again visited after the return of patients from Sanatorium, to see that the treatment there is kept up at home as far as possible.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The West Riding County Council in September, 1908, appointed ten whole-time officers to undertake this work throughout the Administrative County. Dr. S. Lindsay has charge of all the schools in this District.

Schools Closed.—The following Schools were closed on my recommendation in consequence of the prevalence of infectious disease among the pupils, and with a view to checking its spread :—

For Measles.—The Addingham Council Mixed and Infant School in February, the Glusburn Council (Infant) School in March, the Kildwick National School in March, the Cowling Infant School in May, and the Embsay National Infant School in November.

For Chicken Pox.—The Carleton Endowed (Infant) School in November.

For Influenza.—The Kildwick Infant Department, the Cracoe School and the Addingham C.E. School in January, the Threshfield School, the Cowling School, the Bordonley C. School, the Cononley C. School and the Glusburn C. School in February.

For list of water supply and sanitary conveniences at the Schools see list in 1920 report. Since then Carleton School closets have been altered to W.C. system.

Skipton Joint Hospital.—At Snaygill, Skipton, during the year 1925 the following cases have been admitted (60 in all as compared with 97 last year, 82 in 1923, and 45 in 1922). *Skipton Urban*—Scarlet Fever 12, Diphtheria 21. *Skipton Rural*—Scarlet Fever 14, Diphtheria 2, Enteric Fever 1. *Silsden Urban*—Scarlet Fever 10.

“*Infantile Mortality and Notification of Births Act, 1907.*”—The County Council adopted the Act for their West Riding Area, and organised a combined Nursing Scheme for the Riding to embrace Birth Notification, School Nurses and Health Visitors, in conjunction where possible with existing Nursing Associations. Three whole-time nurses were appointed for the district. An Infant Welfare Centre was started at Glusburn in August, 1915. This applies chiefly to Glusburn, Crosshills, and Junction, but a few mothers also attend from Kildwick, Farnhill (4) and Cononley (2), Cowling (6), and also from Sutton (28), and Eastburn (4), in the Keighley Rural District. Nurse Bailey is in charge. Fifteen fortnightly meetings were held at the Glusburn Institute. There are 80 mothers on the register. The average attendance of mothers was 28 and babies 27. 80 pre-natal visits were paid, 126 first visits and 2,006 re-visits were paid by the nurse who also visited and gave instructions in cases of Measles, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox and Mumps. Eight clinics were held by Dr. S. Lindsay, and talks have been given to the mothers by Dr. Lindsay, Mrs. Petty, J.P., of Lingsted, and several nurses. A Garden Party was given to the mothers in Baby Week by Mrs. Petty.

Infant Mortality this year for the Skipton Rural District Council is 60·2 per 1,000 births, as compared with 72·9 last year, and 91·7 in 1923.

Midwives Act.—The administration of the Midwives Act is in the hands of the County Council which is the Local Supervising Authority.

Venereal Disease.—A clinic for Venereal Cases is held under the County Council twice a week in the evening at the Victoria Hospital, Keighley. Two males, Syphilis, attended from this district.

HOUSING.

(a)	No. of New Houses erected during the year (private enterprise)	43
	Working Class Dwellings	38
	Others	5
(b)	As part of Council Scheme (subsidy)...	23

The Council Houses in their scheme were completed at the end of 1922 (See 1922 Report).

Housing Inspectors.—Mr. A. Rodwell, Mr. T. F. Ayrton and Mr. Wilson Smith are the Inspectors under the Act. Council Chambers, Gargrave Road, Skipton.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1909.

HOUSING (INSPECTION OF DISTRICT REGN., 1910).

Action taken with reference to the inspection of Dwellinghouses, during the year ending December 31st, 1925.

Situation.	Ref No. in Record Book.	No. of Houses to which Ref. refers.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Houses where defects were found.	No. of Houses where defects were remedied.	No. of Closing Orders made.	Closing Orders which became operative.	Closing Orders determined.	Action under Sec. 15.	Work done under Sec. 15.	Action under P.H. Acts.	Work done under P.H. Acts.	Defects Remedied after closing.
1 & 3 Moor Lane, Addingham	54-54A	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
45-55, Main St., Addingham	55-60	6	3	6	—	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
72 Main St., Cononley ...	44	1	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Low Green, Gargrave	155	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Moor Lane, Grassington	29-31	5	4	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—
	34-35												
Rathmell Farm, Grassington.....	32-33	2	6	2	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
Town Head, Kettlewell....	42-43	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
Kiln Hall, Kettlewell.....	44	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Slack Farm, Kildwick.....	116	1	6	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Rick Farm Cott, Fell View and Main Rd., Hetton .	7-9	3	10	3	2	—	—	1	—	2	2	2	2
Town End Farm, Salterforth	25	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Wood End Farm, Salterforth	26-28	3	6	3	3	—	—	1	1	2	2	—	—
TOTALS.....		28	55	28	13	6	6	—	8	4	14	9	—

Re-inspection of Dwellinghouses, already recorded, and work not done :—

75-85, Main Street, Addingham	97-101	6	3	6	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
1 & 3													
Main Rd., Draughton	6 & 7	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
TOTALS.....		8	4	7	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	—

Houses inspected prior to 1925, where work was completed during 1925 :—

26-42, Bottom Road, Addingham	17	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
Low Mill, Addingham.....	61	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Beamsley	23-35	13	4	13	—	—	—	—	13	13	—	—	—
Embsay Moor, Embsay .	83	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
16 Middleton, Cowling ...	72	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
TOTALS.....		18	16	18	—	—	—	—	15	15	3	3	—

SUMMARY.

	Sec. 15	P.H. Acts	Sec. 17.	TOTALS.
Arrears at end of 1924.....	294	232	10	536
Further Arrears during 1925	4	5	—	9
	298	237	10	545
Arrears attended to during 1925	15	3	—	18
Total Arrears, end of 1925	283	234	10	527

SUBSIDY HOUSES BUILT DURING 1925.

Sub-District.. Grassington	Kettlewell	Gargrave	Barnoldswick	Glusburn	Skipton	Addingham
2	—	1	4	14	2	—
TOTALS -				23.		

NOTE.—1 House at Farnhill and 1 at Addingham, each of which were converted into 2 Cottages. Also 10 Cottages at Glusburn pulled down, voluntarily by the owner.

Subsidy Housing.—15 Certificates for 47 houses to be built by private enterprise entitling the owner to £90 subsidy on completion were issued during the year.

The Council has entered into contracts to provide 12 houses at Cononley, 12 at Addingham, and 4 at Gargrave.

Joint Town Planning Committee Leeds and Bradford Region.—The Rural Council agreed to be represented in respect of the Townships of Addingham, Farnhill, Kildwick, and Glusburn, Councillor W. Hartley being the representative appointed for last year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following are matters requiring the attention of the Council :—

- 1.—To take steps to improve the Water Supply of Draughton.
- 2.—To complete the Sewerage of Bradley and Threshfield, and to improve the Grassington and Glusburn outfall sewerage works.
- 3.—To prepare schemes for the proper Sewerage of Hebden, Burnsall and Draughton.
- 4.—To undertake the Public Scavenging of Cononley, Embsay, and Hebden.
- 5.—To apply for powers under Sec. 229, P.H.A., 1875, to provide Public Tips for Embsay.
- 6.—To apply for Urban Powers under Sec. 276, P.H.A., 1875, to provide Public Sanitary Conveniences in the township of Grassington.
- 8.—The structural improvements of the Cowsheds.
- 9.—To continue the provision of further Housing accommodation.

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Medical Officer of Health.

To the Skipton Rural District Council,
March, 1926.

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